



INTRODUCTION TO COVID-19 & FY21 Entitlement Funding

CITY OF ATLANTA

Department of Grants & Community Development

Available Funding – COVID-19

The City of Atlanta has been awarded the following funds per the CARES Act to support COVID-19 eligible activities:

- CDBG (COVID-19) – \$4,209,808
- HOPWA (COVID-19) – \$3,317,389
- ESG (COVID-19) – \$2,163,228

Available Funding – FY21 Entitlement Grants

The City of Atlanta has been awarded the following funds to support eligible activities under CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA:

- CDBG – \$7,156,340 *
- ESG – \$627,336 *
- HOME – \$3,613,138 *
- HOPWA – \$22,795,464 *

***Estimated dollar amount based on FY2020 –
subject to change based on Federal Funded Award**



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Overview

Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or the “CARES Act” for the purpose of providing emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families and businesses affected by the 2020 coronavirus pandemic.

The funding from the CARES Act is a “one-time allocation” that must be used to support eligible activities specifically for COVID-19.

Eligible Activities – CDBG

CDBG (COVID-19) funds may be used for the following activities:

- Acquisition & Rehab, Buildings and Improvements, including Public Facilities;
- Acquire and rehabilitate, or construct, a group living facility that may be used to centralize patients;
- Undergoing treatment;
- Assistance to Businesses, including Special Economic Development Assistance; and
- Public Services

Eligible Activities – HOPWA

HOPWA (COVID-19) funds may be used for the following activities:

- Purchasing essential supplies to prevent the spread of COVID-19;
- Assisting HOPWA eligible households in accessing essential services and supplies such as food, water, medications, medical care, and information;
- Emergency Lodging;
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA);
- Short Term Mortgage & Utility Assistance (STRMU);
- Master Leasing;
- Acquisition and Rehab of Real Property; and
- Nutrition Services

Eligible Activities – ESG

ESG (COVID-19) funds may be used for the following activities:

- Emergency Shelter
 - Renovation of a building to serve as an emergency shelter. Site must serve homeless persons for at least 3 or 10 years, depending on the cost and type of renovation (major rehabilitation, conversion, or other renovation);
 - Essential Services for individuals and families in emergency shelter. Component services generally consist of case management, child-care, education services, employment assistance and job training, outpatient health services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, and transportation; and
 - Shelter Operations, including maintenance, rent, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, and furnishings;
 - Relocation assistance for persons displaced by a project assisted with ESG funds

Eligible Activities – ESG (continued)

ESG (COVID-19) funds may be used for the following activities:

- Rapid Rehousing
 - Housing relocation and stabilization services and short and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in an emergency shelter or other place described in paragraph (1) of the “homeless” definition move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing:
 - Services and assistance generally consist of short-term and medium-term rental assistance, rental arrears, rental application fees, security deposits, advance payment of last month's rent, utility deposits and payments, moving costs, housing search and placement, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services, and credit repair.



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INTRODUCTION TO CDBG

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Overview

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Entitlement Communities was created to develop viable urban communities by:

- Providing decent housing and suitable living environments, and by;
- Expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons

National Objectives

All CDBG-funded activities must meet one of the following national objectives:

- Benefit low- and moderate-income persons;
- Prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
- Address community development needs having a particular urgency, because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available

Eligible Activities

CDBG funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- Acquisition of real property;
- Relocation and demolition;
- Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures;
- Construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes;

Eligible Activities (continued)

CDBG funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- Public services, within certain limits;
- Activities relating to energy conservation and renewal energy resources; and
- Providing assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities



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INTRODUCTION TO EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM

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Overview

ESG Program funds can be used to provide a wide range of services and supports under five program components:

1. Street Outreach,
2. Emergency Shelter,
3. Rapid Rehousing,
4. Homelessness Prevention, and
5. HMIS (Homeless Management Information System)

Eligible Activities

Street Outreach: Essential services related to reaching out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care.

Emergency Shelter – Renovation(s): Including major rehabilitation or conversion, of a building to serve as an emergency shelter. The emergency shelter must be owned by a government entity or private nonprofit organization. The shelter must serve homeless persons for at least 3 or 10 years, depending on the type of renovation and the value of the building.

Eligible Activities (continued)

Emergency Shelter – Essential Services: Including case management, childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, outpatient health services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, and services for special populations.

Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations: Including maintenance, rent, repair, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishings, and supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter. Where no appropriate emergency shelter is available for a homeless family or individual, eligible costs may also include a hotel or motel voucher for that family or individual.

Eligible Activities (continued)

Rapid Re-Housing: Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.

Homelessness Prevention: Housing relocation and stabilization services and short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to prevent the individual or family from moving to an emergency shelter, a place not meant for human habitation, or another place described in paragraph (1) of the homeless definition.

Eligible Activities (continued)

Data Collection (HMIS): ESG funds may be used to pay for the costs of participating in and contributing to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) designated by the Continuum of Care for the area.



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INTRODUCTION TO THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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Overview

The Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) provides formula grants to States and localities to fund a wide range of activities including:

- building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership; or
- providing direct rental assistance to low-income people

Overview

HOME was designed to reinforce several important values and principles of community development:

- HOME's flexibility empowers people and communities to design and implement strategies tailored to their own needs and priorities
- HOME's emphasis on consolidated planning expands and strengthens partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector in the development of affordable housing
- HOME's technical assistance activities and set-aside for qualified community-based nonprofit housing groups builds the capacity of these partners
- HOME's requirement that participating jurisdictions match 25 cents of every dollar in program funds mobilizes community resources in support of affordable housing

Eligible Activities

HOME funds may be used for the following activities:

- To provide home purchase or rehabilitation financing assistance to eligible homeowners and new homebuyers;
- Build or rehabilitate housing for rent or ownership; or
- For "other reasonable and necessary expenses related to the development of non-luxury housing," including site acquisition or improvement, demolition of dilapidated housing to make way for HOME-assisted development, and payment of relocation expenses

Eligible Activities (continued)

HOME funds may be used for the following activities:

- To provide tenant-based rental assistance contracts of up to 2 years
 - HOME-assisted rental housing must comply with certain rent limitations. HOME rent limits are published each year by HUD. The program also establishes maximum per unit subsidy limits and maximum purchase-price limits

Eligible Beneficiaries

The eligibility of households for HOME assistance varies with the nature of the funded activity:

- For rental housing and rental assistance, at least 90 percent of benefiting families must have incomes that are no more than 60 percent of the HUD-adjusted median family income for the area
- In rental projects with five or more assisted units, at least 20% of the units must be occupied by families with incomes that do not exceed 50% of the HUD-adjusted median
- The incomes of households receiving HUD assistance must not exceed 80 percent of the area median. HOME income limits are published each year by HUD



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INTRODUCTION TO THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

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Overview

The HOPWA Program provides housing and other support to help the most vulnerable households with multiple health and life challenges to achieve housing stability.

HOPWA supportive housing also serves as a cost-effective housing intervention that increases access to care, reduces emergency care costs, and improves life outcomes for beneficiaries.

Eligible Activities

HOPWA funds can be used to provide housing assistance to eligible persons through:

- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA),
- Permanent Housing Facilities,
- Transitional/Short-Term Housing Facilities, and
- Short-Term Rental, Mortgage and Utility Assistance (STRMU)

Eligible Activities (continued)

Housing assistance provided using HOPWA funds must meet the following requirements:

- Housing Quality/Housing Standards – Units must be decent, safe, and sanitary; and
- Lead-Based Paint rules apply when:
 - Housing to be assisted was constructed before 1978; and when residents include a pregnant woman or a child 6 years of age or younger

Eligible Activities (continued)

An essential component in providing housing assistance is the coordination and delivery of support services; therefore, HOPWA funds may also be used for services including (but not limited to):

- assessment and case management,
- substance abuse treatment,
- mental health treatment,
- nutritional services,
- job training and placement assistance, and
- assistance with daily living

Eligible Beneficiaries

In order to receive assistance through a HOPWA-funded activity, individuals must meet the following criteria:

- Be low-income (below 80% of area median income), and
- Have a documented HIV/AIDS status (confidentiality must be maintained)



Questions

Closing Remarks – Commissioner Nigel Roberts

**All questions and answers along with additional
information will be posted on
The City of Atlanta website**